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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 642

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 19, 2003

An act to add Section ~~60605.3~~ 60605.4 to the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 642, as amended, Mullin. Content standards: review.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, mathematics, history/social science, and science, and to adopt content standards in other areas, including visual and performing arts and English language development. Existing law also requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide performance standards, as provided.

This bill would require the ~~State Board of Education~~ *Superintendent of Public Instruction*, commencing in ~~2010~~ 2005, to conduct a periodic review of the content standards for those areas, and as part of that review, to hold regional public hearings. The bill would require the ~~State Board of Education~~ *superintendent* to adopt any changes in the content standards deemed necessary or desirable and any conforming changes to the statewide performance standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section ~~60605.3~~ 60605.4 is added to the
2 Education Code, to read:
3 ~~60605.3. Commencing in 2010, the State Board of Education~~
4 60605.4. *Commencing in 2005, the Superintendent of Public*
5 *Instruction* shall conduct a periodic review of the statewide
6 content standards adopted pursuant to Sections 60605, 60605.1,
7 and 60811. As part of the review, the ~~State Board of Education~~
8 *superintendent* shall hold regional public hearings for the purpose
9 of soliciting comments from the public and education
10 professionals on the content standards. Following the review and
11 public hearings, the ~~State Board of Education superintendent~~ shall
12 adopt any changes to the content standards *that the superintendent*
13 *has* deemed necessary or desirable ~~by the board~~ and shall adopt
14 conforming changes, as necessary, to the statewide performance
15 standards. The review shall be timed to coincide with, and provide
16 a foundation for, the periodic review of statewide curriculum
17 frameworks and instructional materials.

